

## 2017 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2017 City of Santa Barbara Water Quality Report is now available. Visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water) to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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## IS YOUR TOILET RUNNING? CATCH IT!

Toilets are the biggest culprit for leaks inside the house and they often leak silently. It's estimated that 20 percent of all toilets leak; each toilet can leak 200 gallons or more per day. If your toilet has been steadily leaking for years, you may not notice the slow increase in your water bill, so it is best to check your toilets now, it only takes 10 minutes. Below are the three most common toilet leaks, two of which are due to faulty flappers. It is imperative that the rubber flapper in your toilet is the correct flapper for your toilet brand and model.

### Flapper Leaks:

1. Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank or pick up free dye tablets from 630 Garden St, Water Efficiency display counter.
2. Wait 10 minutes without flushing.
3. If you see color appear in the toilet bowl, your rubber flapper is leaking and needs to be replaced with the correct flapper for your brand and model of toilet.
4. Replace the flapper and re-test to make sure the new flapper works properly.

### Overflow Tube:

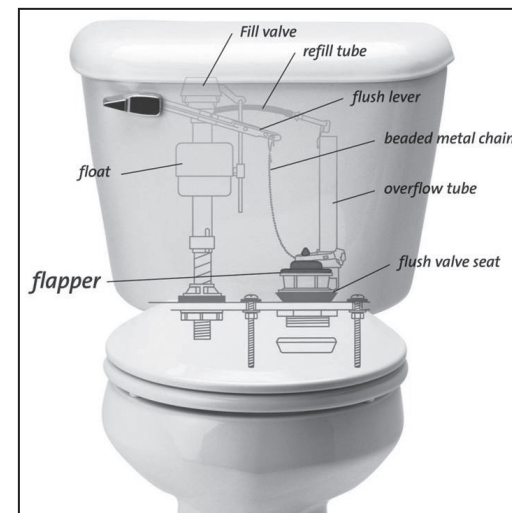
Many toilets in Santa Barbara leak overnight when the water pressure rises. The water level in the toilet tank can rise above the overflow tube and run down the tube silently.

1. Remove your tank lid and observe the water level. The water level should be one full inch below the top of the overflow tube. If it is higher, it most likely runs at night. You may sometimes see water lines in the tank where the water has risen.
3. Adjust the water level down depending on your toilet type. First, give the toilet a half-flush to empty part of the tank and make adjustments easier.
  - If you have a floating ball: adjust the screw on the top of the fill valve mechanism (turn clockwise) to lower the ball.
  - If you have a floating cylinder: adjust the "V" shaped clip on the stiff wire link (slide it down) to lower the cylinder.
4. Flush (full flush) again once adjusted to see where the water level naturally rises.
5. The following day, check the water level. Adjust as needed.

### Excessive Flush Volume:

Not all universal flappers are universal, and a mismatched flapper can result in gallons of undetected water waste per flush. To check this, you will need to look inside the tank.

1. Take off the tank lid and then watch what happens when you flush the toilet.



Many toilets leak silently, often due to an issue with the rubber flapper. Photo: toiletflapper.org

2. The flapper should open to drain most of the water in the tank, and then close after a few seconds to fill back up. When the flapper closes, there should be about 2 inches of water remaining in the tank before it starts to refill.
3. If your flapper stays open longer than a few seconds, or drains the tank completely on each flush, you may have a mismatched or faulty flapper.
4. Replace the old flapper with the flapper that is designed for the brand and model of your toilet.

For more information on toilet leaks and how to repair them visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Leaks](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Leaks). The City's Water Conservation Program is here to help everyone save water with a free water checkup. Call (805) 564-5460 for more information. Let's save together!



## CELEBRATE CREEK WEEK SEPTEMBER 16-24!



Santa Barbara's 18th annual Creek Week is coming up, kicking off with Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 16! Join the City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division, County of Santa Barbara Project Clean Water, City of Goleta, City of Carpinteria, University of California, Santa Barbara, Explore Ecology, and many other local organizations for a week full of exploring our local creeks, watersheds, and ocean.

The Creeks Division will host a tour on the Land Shark and a tour of the Upper Arroyo Burro Restoration at Barger Canyon, with more events to come. Also planned for the week are kayak tours, bird watching, creek and beach clean-ups, nature walks, a family celebration at the Watershed Resource Center, and much more! Visit [sbcreekweek.com](http://sbcreekweek.com) and like us at [facebook.com/sbcreekweek](https://facebook.com/sbcreekweek) to keep up to date on events as they're added.

## NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR STREETS OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION

The City of Santa Barbara's Streets Operations & Infrastructure Division has a new central phone number. Call 564-5454 for any emergency or non-emergency issues related to traffic signals, traffic signs, sidewalks, potholes, storm drains, graffiti, or street sweeping.



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The Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation is the beneficiary of this year's Santa Barbara Triathlon. **All funds raised will go toward the upcoming Cabrillo Pavilion renovation project.**

Find out more at [parcsb.org](http://parcsb.org)

**Recycle your old batteries at home!**

**TAPE** the ends of the batteries

**BAG** in a clear plastic bag

**PLACE** on top  
of your recycling bin on collection days



For more information about recycling batteries:  
**[SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Recycling](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Recycling)**

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